

shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.” (Habakkuk 2:14, 17)

(Isaiah 11:6-9, Revelation 21:1, 4-5)

CONCLUSION

“Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds’ feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.” (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

1. Live by faith.

“... the just shall live by his faith.” (Habakkuk 2:4)

“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.” (Job 13:15)

2. Pray for revival.

“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.” (Habakkuk 3:2)

3. Rejoice in salvation.

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4. Rely on God's strength.

“The LORD God is my strength...” (Habakkuk 3:19)

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

5. Continue with confidence.

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LESSON SEVEN: THE PRESENCE OF EVIL

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INTRODUCTION

1. The _____ of Evil

“The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.” (Habakkuk 1:1)

“In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.” (Isaiah 6:1)

A. Habakkuk’s _____

Quote: “The fact of suffering undoubtedly constitutes the single greatest challenge to the Christian faith, and has been in every generation. Its distribution and degree appear to be entirely random and therefore unfair.”—**John Scott**

“O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!” (Habakkuk 1:2)

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

B. Habakkuk’s _____

“How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?” (Psalm 13:1)

(Exodus 2:23, 3:7, Habakkuk 1:3–4)

NATURAL EVIL

MORAL EVIL

“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.” (Matthew 15:19)

2. The _____ of God

“The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.” (Psalm 103:19)

“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.” (Acts 2:23)

“... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8)

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.” (Isaiah 55:8)

A. The _____ of God

“Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.” (Habakkuk 1:5)

“The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. 3 His work is honorable and glorious...” (Psalm 111:2–3)

“And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good...” (Genesis 1:31)

Quote: “God is not the author of evil. Neither, however, is He ever the victim of evil.” —**Randy Alcorn**

“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” (Ezekiel 28:15)

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1)

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” (Romans 5:12)

“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” (Romans 8:22–23)

B. The _____ of God

“For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs.” (Habakkuk 1:6)

(Habakkuk 1:13, Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28)

HE EXECUTES JUDGMENT

“To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.” (Psalm 149:9)

(Acts 17:30, Ecclesiastes 12:14)

HE ENTERS OUR BROKENNESS

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

*“But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”
(Philippians 2:7–8)*

3. The _____ of Redemption

A. _____ of Sins

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:14)

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.” (Galatians 3:13)

B. _____ of the Earth

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 17 For the violence of Lebanon